

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system for providing the right to use and reproduce contents data involving so-called electronic money, whereby when compressed and/or encrypted contents data is reproduced, a security for electronic money or an electronic use right is checked, if the electronic money or the electronic use right is invalid as a result of the security check, the reproduction of the contents data is stopped, and if the electronic money or the electronic use right is valid as a result of the security check, the contents data is reproduced and the electronic money or the electronic use right is consumed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-61 by rewriting same to read as follows.

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--1. (Amended) Electronic money having validity corresponding to cash, wherein a security of said money is changeable by one of an issuing source and an administrator.

--2. (Amended) Electronic money according to claim 1, wherein said security is one of a key for encryption, a key length of said key, an error detection and/or correction code, and a valid term.